

I hope you have seen this "The Liberty Bells" & "Rights of Women".

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My Dear Friend,

You have so generously identified yourself with the true Abolitionism of the United States and have so unweariedly and faithfully promoted its efforts that I feel encouraged to write to you, were it only for the purpose of saying how truly I appreciate both the difficulty and the disinterestedness of the position you occupy. Long since you must have seen that the Anti Slavery Cause in America is a far different thing from the Anti Slavery Cause in England. If you will but imagine the fact that Slavery in your colonies could not have been abolished till you had first converted the West India interest at home, you will perceive, at once, the nature of the obstacles that oppose us. - As it is, we can do little more for the furtherance of the cause till the Pro Slavery ministry is removed out of our way. We must convert them to the Truth, or that failing, we must destroy their influence over the people. They are aware of our intentions, and therefore, a false issue is made up, & therefore the cry is raised that we are attacking the institutions of religion. Until time permits us to shew the false hood of this accusation, such a cry is all prevalent in the country, villages of New England, but when we do this, we are charged with forgetting the slave and engaging in extraneous quarrels. And this brings before me the pretched slanders of Colver. - I wish you could have been present in the Marlborough Chapel the day before

yesterday when those extracts you forwarded were read
to a large assembly by William Basset. Astonishment
and indignation were depicted on the faces of the whole
Society and when a Resolution expressive of those feelings on
behalf of the Society was presented, you would reasonably
have supposed that had the author of those calumnies
been present, he must have been overwhelmed with confusion.
It was not so however. Colver was present & though this
composed at the opening of the matter, rose & made a speech,
if possible, more disgraceful than his first letter. He reiterated
his general charge of Infidelity against Garrison which was the
more base, as at the recent Sabbath Convention, Garrison with
Colver immediately before him, avouched that his religious belief
rested on the Bible and that this was the Standard of ultimate
Appeal - He explained away his insinuations or rather charges
against Mr Collins, by saying that by the phrases "suspicious
circumstances", "imposition upon British confidence", "not
entitled to confidence", he merely meant that after the language
which the Standard had applied to the London Committee
it was imposition upon British confidence for Mr C. to undertake
an Anti-Slavery Mission to England in behalf of the Mass or
American A.S. Societies - But though he had not the hardihood
to insinuate aught publicly against the fair fame of Mr
Collins, we doubt not that he & his associates are privately
circulating slanders as malignant as absurd, both in America
and England. The reason for all this, that with the exception
of W. L. G. there is not a man in the country whose influence
has more signally discomfited New Organization. In his
present trials & difficulties our whole hearts are with him
and greatly are we animated by the knowledge of your
sympathy with & friendship for him. Indeed we can ~~very~~

the apostle "we thank our God always on every remembrance of you." Our Annual Meeting (that of the Mass. A. S. Socy) occurred the 27th & 28th and was exceedingly interesting. Other friends will give you more detailed accounts than is in my power, at present, to do. Excellent addresses were made by Garrison, Bradburn, Abby Kelley & others and a resolution was exhibited to sustain the cause vigorous by the coming year. The colour Law, notwithstanding Mr Bradburn's unwearied exertions, will be, indeed, has been lost by a vote of 204 to 140. But a special effort will be made at the next session of our Legislature.

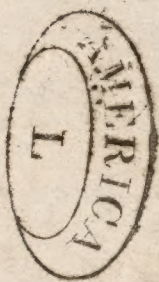
Mr Adesheer safely transmitted your note to Mrs Chapman and all your commissions have been faithfully performed.

Since commencing this letter we have been gladdened by the arrival of a letter from Hayti. It is from Mr Chapman & tells us that eighteen pages more are on their way by another opportunity. Their passage was very short and pleasant as they reached Cape Haytien on the 10 of January. Maria is in excellent health & spirits and that of Mr C. as good as at his departure. As the letter was dispatched immediately on his arrival, we could hardly expect more favourable accounts. They have obtained a delightful boarding place where they have been so fortunate as to meet John Chandler & his wife of whom you may perhaps know something. She is the sister of Anne Knight of Chelmsford and they appear to find great satisfaction in their sojourn. If Henry's health improves as we hope, we trust they may be enabled to aid the good cause by their presence in Hayti, and thus the great trial of their absence may be partially made up to us. Their little Gertrude, now about seven months old, thrives wonderfully. I know you will be interested in hearing all this & will not therefore apologise for details of so personal a character. Harriet Martineau has sent Maria for "The Hour & the Man".

and we have forwarded it to Wright, thinking that the
satisfaction of its perusal must be greatly increased
by the localities & associations that surround them. The book
cannot fail to most warmly aid us. The conception and
execution of Fournant's character is perfect, & must touch
the prejudiced & pro slavery hearts of this country.

most affectionately & truly yours

Anne Warren Weston.



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